(b) if so, whether there were reports of more than 3 aircrafts;

(c) whether these aircrafts are used for spying on ground army locations; and

(d) if so, how many such Pakistani aircrafts were destroyed by the Indian army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

Jaguar crashes

†1504. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of Jaguar crashes have increased in the recent past;

(b) if so, whether Government have inquired into the reasons of these air crashes;

(c) if so, the outcomes thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government to modernise the Jaguar?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Necessary steps have been taken to upgrade the Jaguar aircraft.

Violation of norms in army contracts

1505. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has recently pulled up Government for violation of norms in army contract;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.